



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 08-25, the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is extending the suspension of specific statutes and administrative rules as follows in order to best serve the interest of the public health and safety during the period of the emergency and subsequent period resulting from the flooding that began on June 1, 2008. This waiver shall be in effect until August 31, 2008 unless otherwise amended by subsequent notice.

July 30, 2008

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is extending the waivers of June 23, 2008 and July 11, 2008 for the following requirements due to the anticipated nature and quantity of waste generated by recent flooding and related cleanup activities.

The composting of yard waste is encouraged if it is practical to do so. Reasonable efforts should be made to segregate materials for recycling when practical. Cities and counties should coordinate collection of damaged appliances so refrigerants can be legally recovered from air conditioners, freezers and refrigerators before recycling. **Section 260.250.1, RSMo**, normally prohibits the disposal of certain items in landfills. This waiver allows any yard waste generated and any major appliances damaged or destroyed as a result of the June 2008 flooding to be disposed of in permitted sanitary or demolition landfill when it is not practical to compost or segregate them for recycling, as long as the landfill agrees to accept the waste. This waiver applies only to yard waste and major appliances defined in Section 260.200 RSMo, and does not allow disposal of other items normally prohibited in sanitary or demolition landfills.

Additional Information

Section 644.051, RSMo, prohibits the discharge of water contaminants into any waters of the state resulting in a reduction of the quality of such waters below applicable water quality standards. However, the department is aware that wastewater overflows or bypassing may have occurred following the recent storms. Wastewater treatment plants may bypass or shut down a treatment system or tributary sewer system if necessary to prevent loss of life, personal injury or property damages; or where unavoidable excessive storm drainage or runoff would damage any facilities or processes necessary for compliance with the effluent limitations and conditions of the permit.

The department will not issue a violation notice to a facility for a bypass or shutdown if at least one of the conditions above is present and provided that the permittee has taken all reasonable



actions to prevent bypass. The permittee must make every effort to notify the department by telephone to the appropriate departmental regional office during normal office hours or environmental emergency response at 573-634-2436 after hours. Notification should be within twenty-four (24) hours followed by a written report to the appropriate departmental regional office within five (5) days of all bypasses or shutdowns.

Furthermore, the department will not require a permit to drain flooded areas behind levies, to discharge into sewer systems where necessary to prevent severe bodily injury or property loss, or to discharge floodwaters out of buildings into sewers with prior public owned treatment works (POTW) authorization.

The department's regional offices include:

- Kansas City Regional Office at (816) 622-7000
- Northeast Regional Office at (660) 385-8000
- St. Louis Regional Office at (314) 416-2960
- Southeast Regional Office (573) 840-9750
- Southwest Regional Office at (417) 891-4300.

The attached map identifies the counties in the jurisdiction of each regional office.

The Department of Natural Resources website contains information on how to handle flood debris, flood-related situations, storm debris and related animal production mortalities disposal. This and other information is available at under Natural Disaster Resources at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/disaster.htm>

Sincerely,

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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